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Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

March 10, 2017

Spotlight on Grace: Support the Grace Church Choristers this Weekend



The Grace Church Choristers are excited to take part in a Diocese-wide chorister festival this weekend in Narragansett, and we are hoping many of you will come and enjoy the music and support your Grace Church Choristers. Like last summer's enjoyable chorister camp in Ivoryton, CT, this is another great adventure for our new choristers at Grace.

On Saturday, March 11, our Grace Church Choristers will join with choristers from four other choirs in the Diocese for a Chorister Festival and Evensong. The day-long event will be held at St. Peter's by the Sea, 72

Central Street, Narragansett. This is a first for our new choristers and we are excited for them to join with approximately thirty other choristers from around the diocese.

The festival will be led by guest conductor Mary Wanamaker Huff of New York City. Ms. Huff is the Founding Director of the New York City Children's Chorus and the Associate Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Please consider joining us at 4:00pm on Saturday for Choral Evensong at St. Peter's by the Sea, and support our Grace choristers! And if you know of children or youths (3rd grade and up) who would enjoy musical experiences like these, please recommend this program, as the Spring season is a great time to get started! Contact vedwards@gracepvd.org.

Vince Edwards, Director of Music



Please Remember to Spring Forward

To be sure you'll arrive at church at the right time, please move your clocks ahead one hour before going to sleep this Saturday night, March 11.

Your Journey of Lent at Grace Church in Providence



We welcome you to immerse yourself in a spiritual journey of Lent here at Grace. Explore opportunities for special Lenten spiritual practice like Morning Monastic Meditation, opportunities for giving like the Lenten Giving Cross starting this Sunday, or nourish your soul with music for Lent.

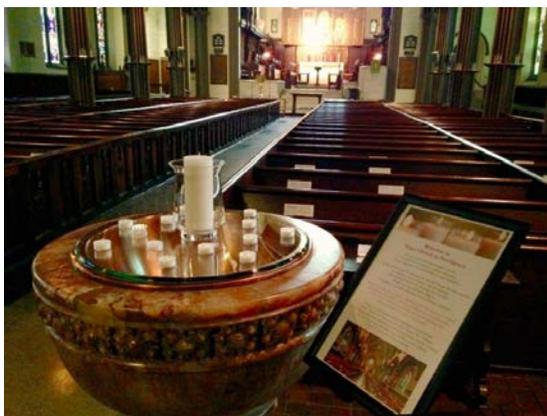
Morning Monastic Meditation

Weekday mornings
from 8:30 - 9:00am at
Grace Church in Providence



Morning Monastic Meditation

Throughout Lent, please make time in your downtown mornings for Morning Monastic Meditation every weekday from 8:30-9:00am. We will open for half an hour weekday mornings for silent meditation and prayer to the sounds of monastic chant from across the centuries. Please stop in for a moment of peace to begin your day. Visitors are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of their prayer intention.



The Sandwich Brigade at Crossroads

Grace Church parishioners will volunteer to make sandwiches at [Crossroads](#), a homeless services organization in downtown Providence, on 2 remaining Saturdays, March 18 and 25, at 10:00am. To volunteer, please e-mail Outreach Ministry chair Nicholas Halar at outreach@gracepvd.org, or use the sign up sheet located in the back of the church. Financial contributions are welcome (place check payable to Crossroads in the collection plate).

Take a Journey through the Bible The Prayer and Scripture Group at Grace will meet

every Saturday during Lent in the Chafee Room at 9:30am to explore the exciting new book from Forward Movement: [The Path: A Journey through the Bible](#). "With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people." To take part, [please contact Louise](#).

The Lenten Giving Cross

We still have flower bulbs remaining on the Lenten Cross in the back of the church, representing donation requests for foster families through our partner agency Children's Friend. Donations include bibs, clothes, car seats, gift cards and more. Thank you for bringing your donation in anytime during Lent, and thank you for your support.

Choral Evensong for Lent The Grace Church Choir will offer a Service of Choral Evensong for Lent, Sunday, March 26 at 5:00pm at Grace Church, featuring music of music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

Other Resources for your Lenten Journey We still have copies available of Lenten Prayers for Hungry People, a six-sided 'table tent' provided by [Bread for the World](#). Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

This Week at Grace

Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
with Music
Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist

Thursday Concerts at Noon:

March 16 will feature organist Jacob Street, Director of Music at St. Paul's in Norwalk, CT.

Morning Monastic Meditation:

Weekday mornings 8:30-9:00am
Silent meditation or prayer to sounds of chant. Light a prayer candle.



Open doors

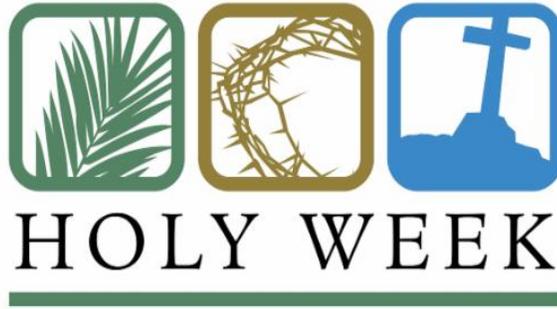
Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

Prayer and Scripture Group:

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chafee Room, and every Saturday during Lent.

Parking for Worship: Parking for Sunday worship is provided in the lot diagonally across Westminster Street, on the NW corner of Westminster and Snow. A small number of spaces are available on the portion of the Grace Church lot facing Snow Street, along an inset section of the construction fence. For all other times, please [check with the parish administrator](#) for availability.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find wheelchair access from the sidewalk on Westminster Street into the church. Handicapped parking spaces have been posted for Sundays on Mathewson Street near Westminster.



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 8:00am & 10:00am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 14, 12:00pm

Easter Vigil

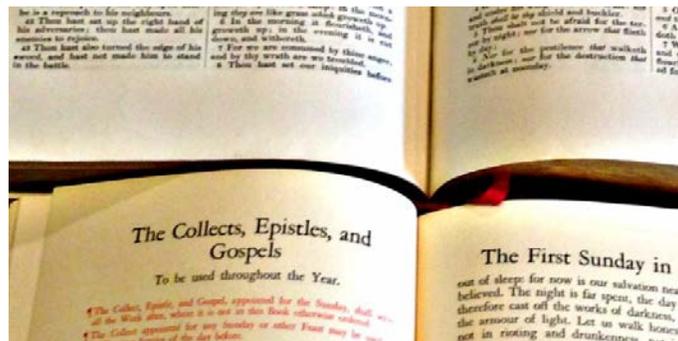
Saturday, April 15, 8:00pm

Easter

Sunday, April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am

March 12, 2017 - Second Sunday of Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#):

[Genesis 12:1-4a ~ Psalm 121 ~ Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 ~ John 3:1-17](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Young Adult and Campus Ministries - Grants](#)
Also, [click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service.

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

Join Us for Winter and Spring Musical Events at Grace

Thursdays at Noon through May 25

Please join us on Thursdays at Noon through May 25 for in formal half-hour organ, vocal or instrumental concerts. Feel free to stay for a portion of the concert or the entire concert if your schedule will allow. Upcoming performers include: Jacob Street, Organ (March 16), Adam Gautille, Trumpet; and Vince Edwards, Organ (March 23), Peter Berton, Organ (March 30).

Choral Evensong: Sunday, March 26 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir offers Choral Evensong for Lent. Music of Vierne, Blair, and Finzi.

St. Matthew Passion: Friday, April 7 at 7:30PM

Museum Concerts of Rhode Island 50th Anniversary Gala Concert Performed by the Brown University Chorus and Schola Cantorum of Boston. For tickets, visit www.museumconcerts.org or call 401-274-5073.

Music of Praise and Glory: Sunday, April 30 at 5PM

The Grace Church Choir and Choristers join with Collegium Ancora to present Vivaldi's beloved Gloria and Purcell's Te Deum and Jubilate with Chamber Ensemble. \$10 suggested donation



Learn & Lead 2017: Understanding Generational Differences

Saturday, March 18, 2017
9:00am - 3:00pm
St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth

But We've Never Done it that Way Before... Understanding Generational Differences in our Churches

Within our churches at this moment in time are potentially five different generations of members, each operating with distinctly different expectations in such important areas as communicating, giving, learning, attending and participating. Come learn the basic ways of looking at different aspects of life - especially life in the church - through the eyes of the different generations. Learn how these differences may become either a stumbling block to church growth or a catalyst to new ways of living life together. [Click here to register!](#) With questions, email info@episcopaltri.org. Ticket prices include the cost of a boxed lunch. \$10/person.



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Understanding generational differences

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